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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Takashi KAITO et al. : Art Unit - 1795
Appln. No. 10/759,354 : Examiner- Rodney G. McDonald
Filed: January 16, 2004 :
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR :
SURFACE OR CROSS SEC- :
TIONAL PROCESSING AND :
OBSERVATION : Docket No. S005-5191(RCE)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated April 10, 2008 and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on October 10, 2008. This is an extension request for replying to the April 10 Action within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

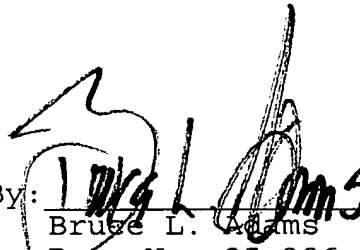
The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the April 10 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

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A check in the amount \$1110.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

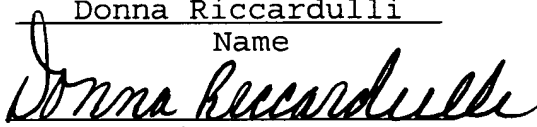
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